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Dear colleague,

National Qualifications Update - Home Economics and Hospitality

The content of this letter should be passed to members of staff responsible for the subjects of Home Economics and Hospitality.

General issues

Appointees

Our work is an extremely important and highly valued part of the education system in Scotland and we would like to express our gratitude, and extend our thanks to all appointees who have helped us by undertaking duties this year.

We always welcome applications from those that have not been involved before. Many people undertake a role to further their own understanding of the examination process, and as part of their Continuing Professional Development. If you are interested in becoming involved in any capacity with Home Economics or Hospitality National Qualifications, please visit the Appointee Management section of SQA's website: www.sqa.org.uk/am.

Awards in Diet 2011

Congratulations go to the following in recognition of their success during diet 2011:

British Nutrition Foundation Awards

- ◆ Standard Grade Home Economics - pupil Andrea Gordon and teacher Mrs Tait from Sandwick Junior High School, Shetland.
- ◆ Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology - pupil Rebecca Scotland and teacher Mrs Watson from Holy Rood RC High School, Edinburgh.

Rebecca and Mrs Watson received their awards from HRH Princess Anne at the BNF's Annual Awards day held at the Royal College of Physicians in London on 15 November 2011.

Quality Meat Scotland

- ◆ Hospitality Practical Cookery Intermediate 2

This year's award went to Alysha Sommerville, Calderside Academy, Blantyre. Alysha and her school received cheque's for their endeavours from Jacqueline O'Donnell of the Sisters Restaurant, Glasgow.

Curriculum for Excellence

Developments are proceeding on schedule. The Courses that are being developed in our subject area are as follows;

Access 3	Fashion and Textile Technology Health and Food Technology Practical Cookery
National 4	Fashion and Textile Technology Health and Food Technology Practical Cookery
National 5	Fashion and Textile Technology Health and Food Technology Practical Cake Baking and Finishing Practical Cookery
Higher	Fashion and Textile Technology Health and Food Technology
Advanced Higher	Health and Food Technology

A new Health and Wellbeing award is also being developed.

To review and comment on the draft documentation, please go to the Curriculum for Excellence area of our [website](#).

Diet 2011

The following information is now available on SQA's website:

- ◆ External Assessment Reports

The External Assessment Reports have now been published. These can be found at: www.sqa.org.uk > Qualifications > NQ > Browse NQ subjects > Home Economics/Hospitality > External Assessment Reports. These reports contain information relevant for the 2012 diet.

- ◆ Internal Assessment Reports

Verification plays an important part in our annual procedures and is in place to ensure that teachers/lecturers are maintaining standards. This year's reports can now be viewed on SQA's website at www.sqa.org.uk > Qualifications > NQ > Browse NQ subjects > Home Economics/Hospitality > Internal Assessment Reports.

◆ Marking Instructions

All marking instructions are now on the website and can be accessed at www.sqa.org.uk > Qualifications > NQ > Browse NQ subjects > Home Economics/Hospitality > Past Papers and Marking Instructions.

Diet 2012

Changes to SQA examination papers

From 2012 all SQA examination question papers, other than those produced to meet specific Assessment Arrangement requests, will be printed on white paper. This change has been precipitated by the increasing difficulty of sourcing specific coloured paper stock.

A further change you will see for 2012 is that acknowledgement of any copyright text extracts or graphics contained within the question paper will be listed, where applicable, on the final page of the question paper booklet. For most papers any acknowledgements will be printed after the end of question paper marker. In a few papers acknowledgement will appear immediately above or below the text extract or image, as is currently the case for English and Art & Design. This information is not needed by candidates, and will have no impact on the questions themselves.

We will be alerting candidates to these changes in the *Your Exams 2012* booklet, as well as ensuring that all Invigilators are fully briefed. We would appreciate your assistance in cascading this information within your Centre, and helping prepare candidates for these changes.

Verification dates for session 2011/12

The verification process will start in January. Please remember that you will only be notified if your centre is selected for verification. The relevant dates are:

Visiting verification

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| ◆ SG Home Economics | 23 January to 2 March 2012 |
| ◆ Int 1 Home Economics | 5 March to 30 March 2012 |
| ◆ Int 2 Hospitality: General Operations | 19 March to 11 May 2012 |
| ◆ Int 1 and 2 Hospitality: Practical Cookery | 19 March to 11 May 2012 |
| ◆ Int 2 and H Hospitality: Professional Cookery | 19 March to 11 May 2012 |
| ◆ Hospitality Skills for Work | ongoing |

Central verification

- ◆ NQ Home Economics April 2012
- ◆ NQ Hospitality April 2012

Further subject-specific information is contained in the following appendices:

- ◆ Appendix 1 - Home Economics
- ◆ Appendix 2 - Hospitality

Should you require any further information regarding the content of this letter or any other matter relating to Home Economics or Hospitality subjects, Romana or I can be contacted using the details listed below:

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Yours faithfully



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Appendix 1 - Home Economics

Estimates, Absentees and Assessment Appeals 2012

The Home Economics section in the [Estimates, Absentees and Assessment Appeals document for 2012](#) has been updated to contain more detailed information. We hope that you will find this useful.

We have received a number of queries about devising prelims recently. In addition to the *Estimates, Absentees and Assessment Appeals* document highlighted above, an [Estimates, Absentees and Assessment Appeals Toolkit](#) is available. You will find the Arrangements documents, past papers, marking instructions (there are grids at the back of published marking instructions indicating the breakdown of questions), exemplification and External Assessment Reports on the [Home Economics webpage](#), all of which will help you to construct your prelim paper. When generating alternative evidence you are expected to replicate the standard, format, duration and security of an SQA Question Paper. **Do not use half marks.** It is good practice to use at least three past papers. All of the sources you have used should be recorded and you must indicate the cut-off scores.

Exemplification

We are currently updating the Intermediate 1 exemplification, and we are also producing 2 new exemplars for the Advanced Higher dissertation. When the exemplification is ready the announcement section of the subject webpages will be updated.

Legislation update

The Course content sections of the Standard Grade, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher Home Economics Arrangement documents were revised in August to remove obsolete public bodies/ organisations and to update legislation (as discussed in the spring update letter). Please note that the Trade Descriptions Act has been removed from the Arrangements documents and replaced with the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 where appropriate (a detailed summary of the updates can be found on page 2 of in the Arrangements documents). Candidates will not be examined on any new area of content in the 2012 examinations.

Practical Assignments/ Technological projects

Please use the updated guidance documents and pro formas.

Submission of Practical Assignments/Technological Projects

A large number of candidates submitted projects with missing pages and/or photographs in 2011. For diet 2012 if pages and/or photographs are missing it will be assumed this is due to the work not being completed, so it is extremely important that care is taken with submissions.

Appendix 2 - Hospitality

Creative Cake Production

The Centre Instructions document to accompany the Course Project, and the candidate pro forma have been updated - please destroy previous versions of these documents.

Exemplification

Online galleries showcasing the work produced by candidates are now available for [Creative Cake Production](#) and for [Practical Cookery](#). Exemplification is an excellent way in which centres can share best practice, and we would like to invite you to submit photographs of your candidates' work. Please email photographs to hospitality.galleries@sqa.org.uk.

Practical Cookery Intermediate 1 and 2

The practical assignments will be posted on the Practical Cookery webpages by 1 February 2012.